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USING LAW TO ADVANCE WOMEN'S & GIRLS' RIGHT TO BE FREE OF VIOLENCE UNDER SDG GOAL 5

SDG Goal 5: End All Forms Of Discrimination Against All Women & Girls Everywhere

- Eliminate *all forms of violence against women & girls in the public & private spheres*
- Adopt & strengthen *sound policies & enforceable legislation* for the promotion of gender equality & the empowerment of all women & girls at all levels

Claudia

- 16 year-old
- Drugged & gang-raped by over 30 men with weapons
- Video of the attack posted online
- Protests in Brazil & abroad
- Initial dismissal of her case by the authorities

Alarming Rate of SGBV in Brazil & Inadequate Government Response

- In Brazil, a woman is raped every 11 minutes*
- 51% of reported rapes are committed against girls up to age 13**
- Due in part to a lack of faith in the justice system, only 35% of rape cases are ever reported***

PLANNING OUR INTERVENTION

1. Understand the domestic legal framework

- Best practices & gaps*
- Key legal & judicial actors*

2. Create local partnerships/build on existing movement

- Identify allies in government & civil society*

3. Map regional and international advocacy fora

OUR INTERVENTION

1. Media Campaign

- *Social & traditional press*

2. Advocacy at the United Nations

- *Universal Periodic Review submission*

3. Coalition building

- *States, IGOs, regional institutions*

4. Consult with local partners on advocacy strategy for legal reform

5. Monitor case developments & legal reform initiatives

LEVERAGING THE SDG PLATFORM

1. Participation & intervention at Annual High Level Political Forum

2. Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)

- Follow up & review mechanism for 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Dev.*
- Voluntary review of progress at national & sub-national levels*
- Country-led & country-driven*
- Involve multiple stakeholders & facilitate sharing experiences, successes, challenges, & lessons learned*

3. Legal Advocacy/Push for New & Better Indicators, data collection, etc.

*Forum for Public Security, Report (2015) cited in www.npr.org/sectionsthetwo-way/2016/05/27/479796108/outcry-follows-gang-rape-in-brazil-raising-alarms-about-sexual-violence

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